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Fire Engineering Handbook for Firefighter I/II

As of July 1, 2014 the written exams for Mandatory Firefighter, Firefighter I and Firefighter II are validated to the Fire Engineering Handbook for Firefighter I/II 2013 Edition. The selection process began in April 2013 and involved numerous fire service members from volunteer, career and combination departments both large and small. On December 2nd 2013 the selection committee recommended the Fire Engineering Handbook for Firefighter I/II to the Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education and they voted to adopt the Fire Engineering Handbook for Firefighter I/II based on the book committee report. The written and practical skills examinations have been validated by committee and are currently in use.

This communication is to provide necessary information to ensure a smooth transition;

Student Manuals and Instructor Materials:

1. The ten districts have received 100 Student manuals and 2 complete instructor sets. The student manuals are for use by agencies conducting Mandatory or Firefighter I/II classes. Use of the student manuals is based on availability and district funded classes receive priority. Requests to borrow student manuals shall be made in writing by the Fire Chief or Training Chief to the District Fire Training Chairman or District Fire Training Coordinator. The agencies requesting to borrow books shall acknowledge they are being held financially liable for any student manuals not returned or returned with damages inconsistent with normal wear and tear. The instructor sets obtained by the districts can be used by certified instructors. We have been granted permission to copy the Indiana instructor materials onto computers that are owned by the districts or by fire agencies across the state. We do not have permission to copy materials to private business or personal computers. We are also providing student seat licenses for the Fire Engineering Learning Management System.
2. Agencies may choose to purchase copies of the student manuals and any of the instructor components. The State Fire Academy Training System does not encourage or discourage agencies from purchasing their own materials. As with anything there are pros and cons to both sides. All materials purchased through



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Pennwell Publishing come at a substantial discount from the suggested retail price. Direct sales are permitted for agencies only. Individuals cannot purchase any of the components from Pennwell Publishing at the discounted price. **ALL** of the products must be purchased directly from Cindy Huse. Please do not contact Cindy if you want to obtain any of the district materials.

3. New Lead Instructor Planning Templates are in use and can be found at <http://in.gov/dhs/firecertification.htm> the syllabus follows the new curriculum and will provide a correlation between the current skill sheets and the new one. We encourage instructors to use these resources.

Written Exams

1. The state certification test bank has been validated to the Fire Engineering for Firefighter I/II. There are no plans to validate the exam to any other publisher's materials. Also, there is no mandate that requires anyone to use the Fire Engineering Handbook for Firefighter I/II during training or preparing for state certification exams. The validation was completed by a committee of fire service instructors. The exam will be available beginning July 1, 2014
2. All courses registered after July 1, 2014 will be required to take the exam that was validated to the Fire Engineering Handbook for Firefighter I/II.
3. Courses currently ongoing and those registered before July 1, 2014 will have the option to use the test validated to the IFSTA Essentials of Firefighting 5th Edition.
4. We encourage all certification exams use the online testing system. Contact Barb Goble at bgoble@dhs.in.gov for more information on this.
5. There were adjustments to the Modular Firefighter delivery system due to the change in books. The content remains virtually the same but some of the chapter names have changed. A Modular Firefighter System outline will be available by July 1, 2014.

Practical Skills

1. The practical skills committee recommended the required skills for certification remain the same. We will have a correlation between the current skill sheets and their matching skill sheet from the new curriculum.
2. We will continue to use the Competency Profile, Skill Sheets and Scenarios found in the Firefighter I/II Lead Evaluator Handbook. As always this document can be found at http://in.gov/dhs/files/Up_FF1-2_PrSkTr_andFiEx.pdf

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Products and Price List

Fire Engineering Handbook for Firefighter I and II - \$54.00

Instructor Guide - \$77.00

PowerPoint - \$282.00

Skill Drills DVD - \$111.00

Instructor Test Bank - \$111.00